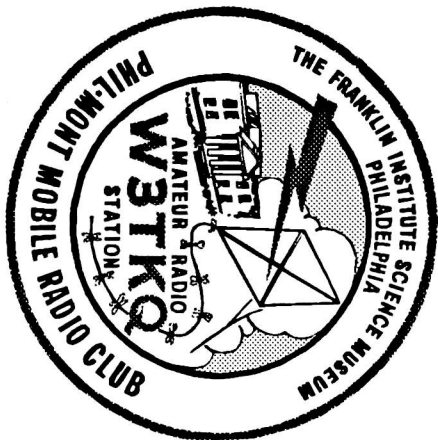


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Our 47th year



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NET SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	09:30	147.030	MHz FM	"SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET"
	10:00	28.993	MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993	MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET
LAST WED	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	W3TKQ OPERATORS' NET

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25 Perry Blum - **N3AXJ**

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26 Anna Madara (XYL **W3PWG**)

27 Sharon Lunn (XYL **N3RUG**)

28 Barbara Stein (XYL **KB3AFH***)

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*Indicates New Member—1995

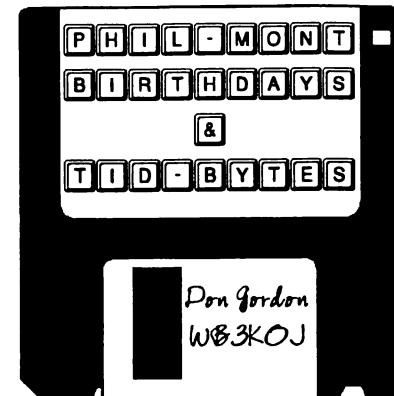
DUES & DIRECTORY UPDATE

DUES ARE OVERDUE...For those who have not paid, pay now or you will not receive the April *Blurb* or be listed in the 1996 Directory.

HELP PHIL-MONT

Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership? Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club. Contact **ED MASARSKY - KB3IV**, for details.

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy 🚗!



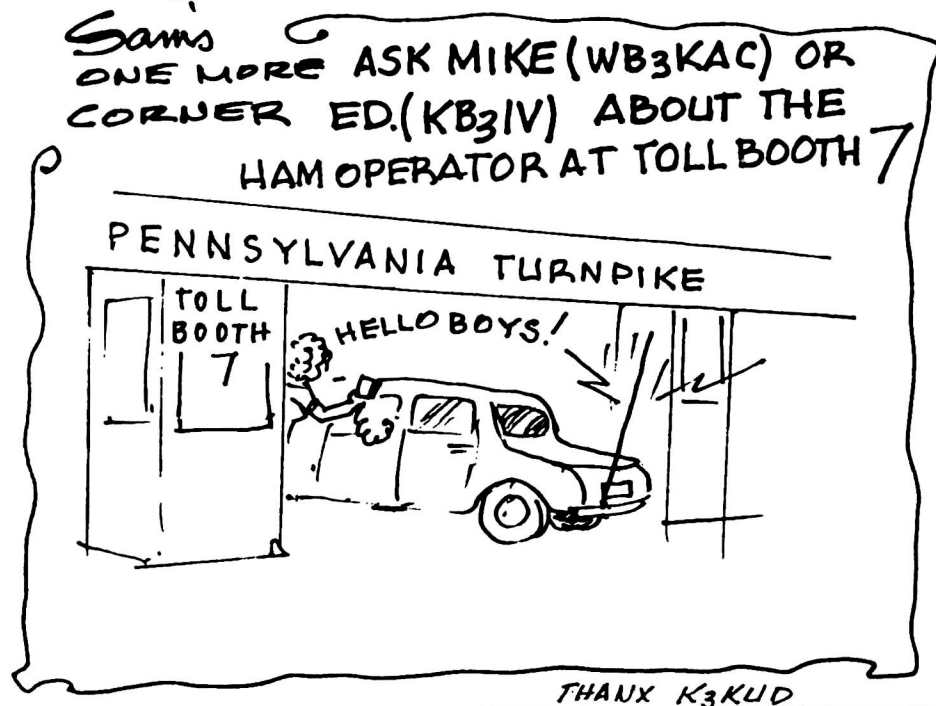
MEMBERSHIP STATS
Will resume in the April issue.

POSTAGE COSTS JUST KEEP RISING, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO BROKE BEFORE YOU'RE EVEN HALFWAY TOWARDS MAKING DXCC. THERE'S A BETTER AND CHEAPER WAY: "QSL VI A BURO" VIA THE ARRL OUTGOING QSL SERVICE!

One of the greatest bargains of League membership is being able to use the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service to conveniently send your DX QSL cards overseas to foreign QSL Bureaus. Your ticket for using this service is your QST address label and just \$3.00 per pound. (Those not quite so DX active can send 10 cards [or fewer] and enclose \$1.00.) You can't even get a deal like that at your local warehouse supermarket! And the potential savings over the substantial cost of individual QSLing is equal to many times the price of your annual dues. Your cards are sorted promptly by the Outgoing Service staff, and are on their way overseas usually within a week of arrival at ARRL HQ. The Service handles approximately 2,000,000 cards each year!

The Service ships QSL cards to QSL bureaus, typically maintained by the national Amateur Radio societies in many countries, around the world. Although the Service does not send cards to individuals or individual QSL managers, keep in mind that what you might lose in speed is more than made up in the convenience and savings of not having to address and mail QSL cards separately. In the case of DXpeditions and/or active DX stations that use US QSL managers, a better approach is to QSL directly to the QSL manager involved. The various DX newsletters, the W6GO QSL manager directory, and other publications, are good sources of up-to-date QSL manager information.

from ARRL Home Page via K3JJQ



The PREZ SEZ

Steve Hoch, WU3I



It's only 4 days 14 hours 8 minutes and 27 no 26 wait now its 25... well you get the idea, 'till we leave for our visit with W3AA and WA3YJR, also the trip down further south to see the island home of the editor and the 'archive lady'. Perhaps we may even run into the Southern Reporter W3SRU. ('Have to remember to visit my parents and grandmother while we are there.)

The time is coming for thinking of the pilgrimage to the west—Dayton! The time is coming, and a new weekend in a new month

this year—May 17, 18, 19 at the good old Hara Arena. So far plans are "go" for a presidential trip to the Hamvention.

But closer to home, and a month later, is the annual trip upstate for *Paddlerama*. A letter has been sent to the trustee of the Washington Repeater inquiring about coverage area due to our problems last year.

And upcoming is *Field Day* coordinated by N3IEI. Chris has informed me that a new site is necessary for this year. Anyone with any ideas please contact him. ☺

CONGRATULATIONS

...to PMRC member, Kay Craigie, WT3P, who in January became the ARRL's Atlantic Division Director, and to

Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC, who was elected ARRL Third Vice President.

UPCOMING

- Mar 6** General Meeting
- Mar 7** License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute
- Mar 20** Directors' Meeting at
N3GLU & KB3IV's
- Apr 3** General Meeting
- Apr 4** License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute
- Apr 17** Directors' Meeting at
N3FTC & WU3I's

HAMFESTS

- Mar 2** ABSECON, NJ
Shore Points ARC
- Mar 17** YORK, PA
Keystone VHF Club
- Mar 24** TRENTON, NJ
Delaware Valley RA
- Mar 30-31** TIMONIUM, MD
Baltimore ARC
- Apr 21** NEW CASTLE, DE
Penn-Del RC
- May 5** WRIGHTSTOWN, PA
Warminster ARC

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Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must two means of positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 1996 test fee is \$6.05; there is no charge for a Novice test.

- **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**
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(215) 879-0505 day, (215) 448-1139 24-hours
- **BELLMAR, NJ**
Monthly, 3rd Thursday—Bill Helmatag
(609) 933-1500
- **BRYN MAWR**
Irregularly—Bob Lees
(215) 265-6032
- **LEVITTOWN**
Monthly, 1st Saturday—George LeNoir, WR3B
(215) 943-4886
- **LINWOOD, PA—(Commercial & Amateur Exams.)**
Russ Stafford, AA3CH
(610) 358-2311
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Monthly, 1st Monday—Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
(215) 679-5764
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(215) 679-5764
- **UNIVERSITY OF PA**
Monthly, Last Saturday—Jeff DePolo
(215) 898-8538 shack, (215) 337-7383 home
- **WARMINSTER**
Monthly, Last Wed.—Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ
(215) 343-3494

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

- Charlie Weigand, AA3EP (610) 323-1050
- Apr 14&21** M.S. Walk
- May 11** Spring Challenge
- Sept 28-29** MS-150 City to Shore to City
- Oct (tba)** Arthritis Bike Tour
- Dec 1** Brian's Run
- Details on page 11—

February 20, 1996
To all radio amateurs
SB QST ARLB012
SM election results

Ballots have been counted in Section Manager elections in the Eastern Pennsylvania, Louisiana, North Carolina and San Diego sections. Terms of office begin April 1, 1996. The results are as follows.

In Eastern Pennsylvania,
Allen R. Breiner, Sr., W3TI, 789
Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO, 702
Breiner was declared elected...☺

February 16, 1996
To all radio amateurs
SB PROP ARLP007
Propagation de KT7H

It may be hard to believe, but solar activity has edged even lower. There have been no visible sunspots since the beginning of the month, and the sunspot number was zero every day last week. Solar flux was at or below 70 each day also. We should expect more periods of no sunspots as the current cycle bottoms out over the next year.

Unfortunately the geomagnetic field has been acting up a little. The worst period was around 0900Z on February 13 when the K index was five. 160 and 80 meters are really best when the solar flux is low, but an active geomagnetic field can disturb the low bands greatly...☺



February 15, 1996
To all radio amateurs
SB QST ARLB011
Vanity calls delayed

ARRL has learned that the FCC may delay until mid-1996 the announcement of when it plans to open the first gate or gates of the vanity call sign program. A Commission spokesman says the FCC first wants to deal with remaining Petitions for Reconsideration it has received. The FCC had been expected to announce opening dates early this year.

FCC vanity call sign application Form 610V is now available, but the FCC will not accept completed forms until it opens the appropriate filing gates.

Prospective applicants can get the FCC Form 610V package by writing ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111. Please include an SASE. Form 610V also is available from the FCC via the Internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/Forms/Form610V> or <ftp://ftp.fcc.gov/pub/Forms/Form610V/> or by fax at 202-418-0177. Ask for Form 006108.

The FCC's Forms Distribution Center also accepts orders for Form 610V at 800-418-3676.☺

GOODIES

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Heath Power Meter 80-10m 10
WB3CMM, Bill
610-623-3501

The ARRL is more than just a magazine subscription!

February 15, 1996
To all radio amateurs
SB QST ARLB009
PRB-1 change sought

The ARRL wants the FCC to take additional steps to compel state and local governments to make reasonable accommodation for Amateur Radio under PRB-1 and apply the least restrictive means to regulate amateur antennas and activity. In a Petition for Rulemaking filed February 7, the League calls on the FCC to amend Section 97.15(e) to say that any state or local ordinances restricting ham radio antennas to heights below 70 feet would be presumed unreasonable, unless the state or local authority could show its restrictions support a clearly defined health, safety or aesthetic objective. State and local governments also could not impose substantial application costs on amateur service licensees.

The League also wants the FCC to acknowledge that it has an interest in the effective performance of Amateur Radio stations in areas regulated by deed restrictions or restrictive covenants rather than by local zoning ordinances.

The League says clarifying the preemption policy (PRB-1) would help guide municipalities to enact provisions that make fair accommodation for amateurs and avoid highly divisive litigation between hams and localities.

Under the suggested changes, state and local governments could apply to the Commission for a full or partial waiver of the amended rules in unusual circumstances.

The FCC has not assigned a rulemaking petition (RM) number.

Here is the suggested wording of Section 97.15(e) the petition requests:

(1) State and local regulation of a station antenna structure must not preclude amateur service communications. Rather, it must reasonably accommodate such communications; it must constitute the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the state or local authority's legitimate purpose; and it must not impose substantial costs on amateur service licensees.

(2) Any state or local antenna restriction or regulation which, on its face or as applied, would limit amateur station antennas to heights below 70 feet is presumed unreasonable unless the promulgating authority can demonstrate that such regulation is necessary to accomplish a clearly defined, and expressly stated health, safety or aesthetic objective; that there is no less burdensome alternative to the regulation; and that the Federal interest in efficient amateur radio communications from the amateur station at issue is otherwise reasonably accommodated.

(3) Any state or local authority, or other entity that wishes to maintain and enforce zoning, land use or other regulations or restrictions inconsistent with this section may apply to the Commission for a full or partial waiver of this section. Such waivers may be granted by the Commission in its sole discretion, upon a showing by the applicant that local concerns of a highly specialized or unusual nature create an overwhelming necessity for regulation inconsistent with this section. No application for waiver shall be considered unless it includes the particular regulation for which waiver is sought. Waivers granted according to this rule shall not apply to later-enacted or amended regulations by the local authority unless the Commission expressly orders otherwise. ☺

MINUTES

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Russ Stafford, AA3CH, Secretary



Our 553rd meeting was opened February 7, 1996 by President WU3I, Steve promptly at 19:30 hours in the Choices Forum at The Franklin Institute. Steve read some mail from the League (A.R.R.L.). They are accepting nominations for Grand Ole Ham. (Know someone?)

Buckmaster will give CDs to clubs which send in group pictures of their club members. The M.A.R.C. hamfest will be moving this year to the Kimberton Fire Company. We had a nice write up in the Remarc, the M.A.R.C. newsletter.

Steve reported that Mid-Month will be at Marion and Perry's, N3AXJ. N3PDO, Mike reported on camp-ins at The Institute. Hams are needed to staff W3TKQ. Contact WU3I, Steve for upcoming dates and times.

Treasurer KB3IV, Ed reported a balance of \$1,419.20 with income of \$1,126.00, \$652.03 in expenses, leaving a balance of \$2,193.17. If you have not paid your dues for 1996, they are now overdue, so get them in A.S.A.P. You may also renew your A.R.R.L. membership through Phil-Mont.

KB3IV, Ed reported that net controls are doing fine. Still looking to get at least twelve members together to order club jackets.

WU3I, Steve reported that our Field

Day site, per Chris N3IEI, will be changing. No new members this month. If you have changed your call, or need a new badge, Contact Ted, N3OWM. Anyone wishing to talk to W3AA, Hal Fox, he is on 14.1755 at 10:am.

On the Blurb [we've been called worse!—ed] Jack, W3IIN [no, that's Jinny... but I know it's confusing—ed] spoke on the "good times" virus that was, and still is a hoax.

Special Events—AA3EP Charlie: Coming up very soon—April 14 and 21—is our first public service event. We need lots of help. Please come out and do your part! Charlie can be reached at the phone number on the inside front cover of the *Blurb*. If you would like to get on the Delaware Valley mailing list for ham radio Public Service, send your name, address and phone number to one of the following.

Packet: n3iso@aa3ch.#sepa.pa.usa.noam

Fax: (610) 497-6218

Landline BBS: (610) 497-4691

or mail to Harry, N3ISO

Box 1041, Linwood, Pa. 19061

N3PDO, Mike reported there were 27 members and welcomed 3 visitors.

The meeting was closed at 20:20, and turned over to N3FVI, Bill who introduced our speaker from PECO. ☺

CLUB INFORMATION

24 Hour Information Number at W3TKQ

(215) 448-1139

MINUTES

FEBRUARY DIRECTORS' MEETING

Russ Stafford, AA3CH, Secretary

1st Vice-President N3FVI, Bill called to order the Mid-Month meeting Feb 21, at 20:07 hours.

Treasurer, KB3IV-Ed, reported a balance of \$2,193.17 with an income of \$335.00 \$123.00 in expenses, leaving a balance of \$2,405.17.

There was a brief discussion on unpaid dues, net controls are "A-OK" and no new members to vote on... Not much business to report till next month... Next mid-month meeting will be at the home of KB3IV, Ed. Many thanks to N3AXJ, Perry and Marion for their hospitality. ☺

Welcome to the Psychiatric Hotline

If you are obsessive-compulsive, please press 1 repeatedly.

If you are codependent, please ask someone to press 2.

If you have multiple personalities, please press 3, 4, 5 and 6.

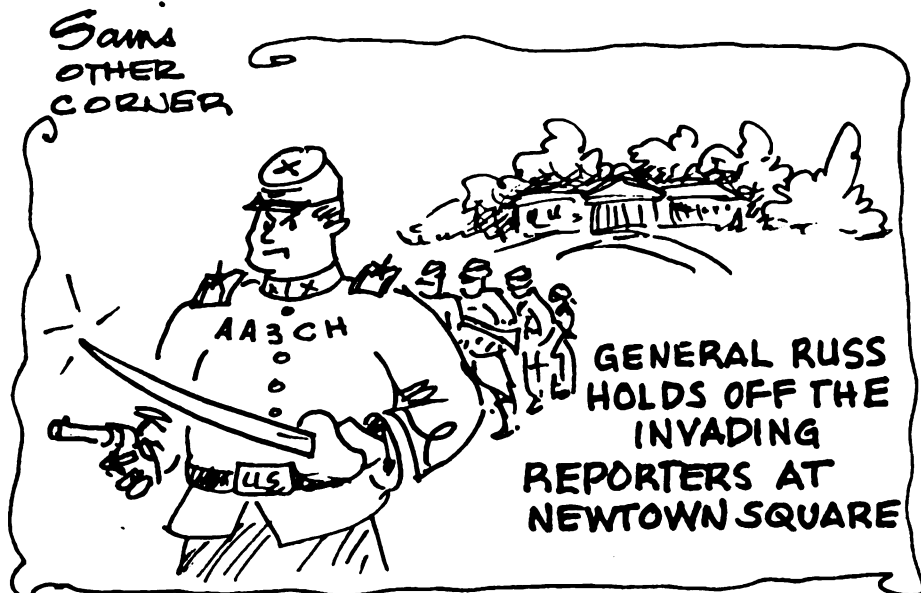
If you are paranoid-delusional, we know who you are, and what you want. Just stay on the line so we can trace the call.

If you are schizophrenic, listen carefully, and a little voice will tell you which number to press.

If you are manic-depressive, it doesn't matter which number you press. No one will answer.

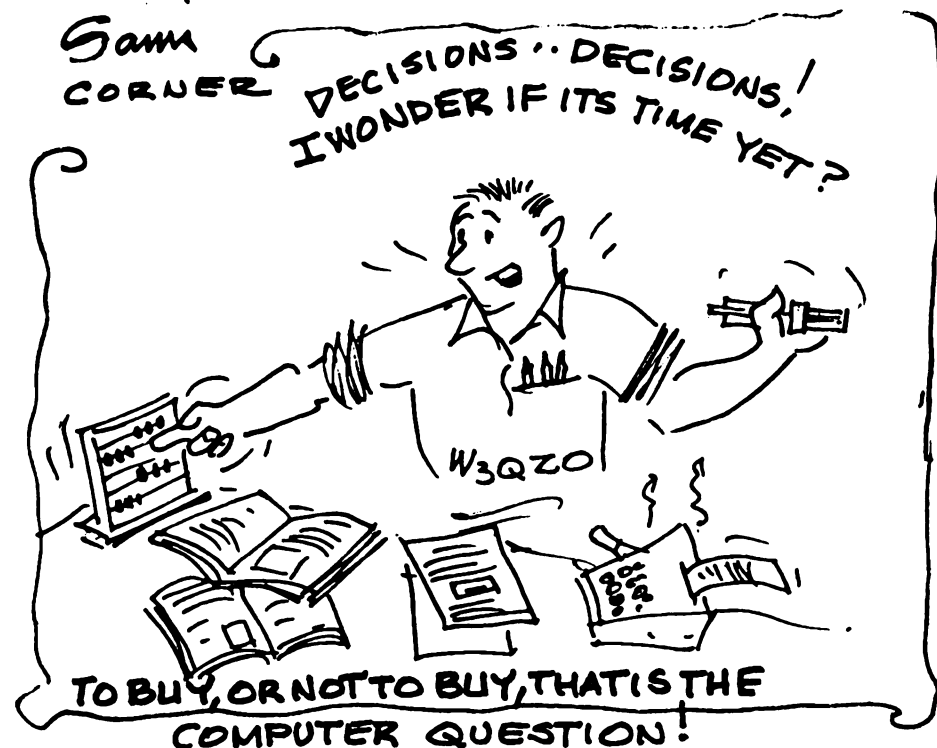
If you are delusional and occasionally hallucinate, please be aware that the thing you are holding on the side of your head is alive, and about to bite-off your ear.

via WB3KOJ



DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR	NOTES	HAM CONTACT
April 14	MS WALK (PHILA)	MS		AA3EP
April 14	MS WALK (TYLER PARK)	MS		N3LCV
April 14	MS WALK (VOORHEES NJ)	MS		KA2YKN/N2HQL
April 14	MS WALK (DOWNINGTOWN)	MS		N3RUK/N3FIH
April 21	MS WALK (VALLEYFORGE)	MS		KE3RL
April 21	MS WALK (MOORESTOWN,NJ)	MS		K2QWQ
April 21	MS WALK (LINWOOD NJ)	MS		N2CRK
April 21	MS WALK (RIDDLE CREEK)	MS		AA3CH/N3WCO
May 11	MS SPRING CHALLENGE	MS MONTCO PA		AA3EP
May 11	MS SPRING CHALLENGE	MS BURLINGTON CO.		K3QWQ
May 11	MS SPRING CHALLENGE	MS BUCKS CO.		N3LCV
Sept 28	CITY TO SHORE (MS-150)	MS VOORHEES TO OCEAN CTY		AA3CH
Sept 29	SHORE TO CITY (MS-150)	MS OCEAN CTY TO VOORHEES		AA3CH
(no date)	ARTHRITIS BIKE TOUR	ARTHRITIS		TBA
Dec 1	BRIAN'S RUN	BRF WEST CHESTER PA.		AA3CH

To be placed on the mailing list contact N3ISO@AA3CH.#SEPA.PA.USA.NOAM or one of the contact hams.



130TH MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS FEBRUARY

11 candidates took 19 elements
4 new amateurs plus 3 upgrades

VE team members:

Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman

Niel Leone, W3FZR; Steve Hoch, WU3I; Thom Scott, KA4LIF; Jeff Kerber, KE3UV;

Larry Clifford; W3UY; Pat Rush, WT3X; Sal Valente, NS3Y;

Joe Pearlstein, NU3Y; Bob Freer, W3YLT

AMATEUR LICENSE EXAMS HELD ON THE FIRST
NON-HOLIDAY THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Registration begins at 6:00 PM

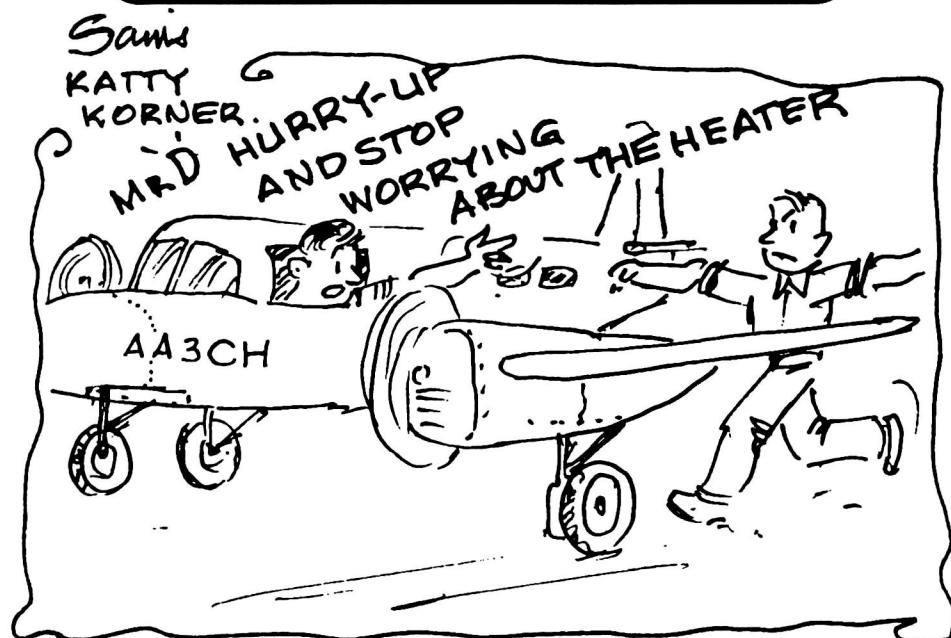
Doors close at 6:30 PM sharp

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THE W 3 T K Q REPORT

The International Voice of The Franklin Institute Science Museum

It was nice to have some of the other guys catch up for a few months, but here I am—back again.

The TS-450SAT is with N3FVI for repairs, and plans are being made to replace it with an HF rig with 6M. This project will go on into the spring or summer, as it's too nasty to put up the necessary 6M antennas.

Position 7 will soon sport a 70 Watt 2M rig for ATV. The rig, a donation from N3FVI, is being repaired, and will be installed as soon as it's returned. There are camp-ins coming up in the month of March on the following evenings:

Friday 2*

Saturday 3

Friday 9

Saturday 10*

* all female evening

Friday 16*

Saturday 17

Friday 23

Saturday 24*

If you can help as a volunteer on any of these dates please contact me.

And while you're at it, check-out the station's brand new e-mail address listed below.

Always remember: W3TKQ is your station—come down and visit, stay to operate. ☺

W3TKQ is on the Internet!

Internet: <http://sln.fi.edu/tfi/exhibits/w3tkq.html>

•NEW• E-mail: w3tkq@fi.edu

W3TKQ Operators' Net

The last Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m., on 147.03.

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MARCH

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 2M NCS W3GQD 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS W3PWG	4	5 ○ CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM W3RM	6 GENERAL MEETING at The Franklin Institute Refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30.	7 LICENSE EXAMS at The Franklin Institute Registration begins at 6:00 Doors close at 6:30 p.m. <i>sharp!</i>	8 / 1	9 / 2 <i>Absecon, NJ Hamfest</i>
10 2M NCS N3OWM 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS W3STW	11	12 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM K3JJO	13	14	15	16
17 2M NCS W3STW 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS AA3CH <i>York, PA Hamfest</i> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19 ● CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM WA3NSP	20 DIRECTORS' MEETING at N3GLU & KB3IV's <i>Vernal Equinox</i>	21	22	23
24 2M NCS KB3IV 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS KB3IV <i>Trenton, NJ Hamfest</i>	25	26 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM N3FVI	27 W3TKQ OPERATORS' NET 8 PM	28	29	30 <i>Timonium Hamfest</i>
31 2M NCS W3BBB 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS W3BBB <i>Timonium Hamfest</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i>				It's amazing how much you can get done if you don't care who gets the credit.		